

## THE POEM LIKE PIROUETTES

it takes so long  
to make it seem  
natural easy  
as if you could  
do it in your  
sleep so no  
one guesses at  
all that aches,  
is sweaty one  
wrong move,  
everything  
collapses

## SHE WORE BLUE CONTACT LENSES

drove tractor  
on the prairie,  
talcum powder  
under bib overalls.  
her hair smelled  
of rootbeer and  
bacon and the leaves  
she knelt in  
whispering he  
loves me he  
loves me not

## MADONNA OF THE OVER REACTIONS

is like her  
skin, missing a  
layer of fat  
between what's  
inside and out  
of her what's  
inside glows,  
trees of blue  
branches what  
comes near  
stains bruise  
leaves a rose  
of blue in the  
shape of his  
hand

## THE BOTTLE WOMAN

first I'd go  
to the dump  
bring back junk  
bits of tv sets  
picture tubes to  
put plants in. I  
made a house  
of junk stained  
glass butterfly.  
Every day I add  
some glass or  
wire. I was 13  
when I married  
lost all my kids  
so I made what  
no one could  
take from me,  
out of this  
junk, dolls.

## OH YES

150 million  
dollars delegated  
for the protection  
in case of nuclear  
attack of government  
officials 20

million for  
the rest

because this  
is classified  
it can't be  
discussed

## BACK ACHES LIKE CERTAIN MEN

usually there when  
you have something  
important to see  
to, interfering